



***Building Scientific Communities
in Louisiana***



**Call for Abstracts and Early Registration
83rd Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences
Southeastern Louisiana University – Hammond
Friday – February 27, 2009**

Dear Louisiana Science Professionals and Students:

The LAS Executive Committee and the College of Science and Technology at Southeastern Louisiana University are delighted to present the first call for papers and posters for our **83rd Annual Meeting** to be held on **Friday, February 27, 2009**, on the campus of **Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond**. A comprehensive program is planned, including a keynote speaker, discipline-focused presentation sessions, a student paper/poster competition, business luncheon, and an optional Manchac wetland ecosystem field trip on Saturday, February 28.

This meeting is an excellent venue to celebrate scientific excellence in Louisiana and to foster discussion among peer groups of scientists. The LAS encourages presentations from both professionals and students, undergraduate and graduate, as the conference is a supportive environment in which students will have an opportunity to hone their presentation skills, make connections with other scientists in their field, and become informed about study and research opportunities within the State. A paper/poster competition will recognize the outstanding student presentations made during the 2009 meeting. A panel discussion for the benefit of students contemplating graduate school is also planned.

Please share this information with your colleagues and your students!

Please note the following dates:

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

Abstract submission deadline
Early registration deadline
Field trip reservations deadline

Friday, February 13, 2009

Deadline to pay registration fees online

Registration fees:

Regular Registration: \$60 (after January 27, 2009: \$75)

Student Registration: \$30 (after January 27, 2009: \$35)

Please proceed to www.cs.selu.edu/~las or www.laacademy.org to register, submit an abstract, or to receive further information.

Please direct inquiries to Gerard Blanchard (gblanchard@selu.edu), chairman of the local organizing committee or Moustapha Diack ([Moustapha diack@subr.edu](mailto:Moustapha_diack@subr.edu)), president of the Louisiana Academy of Sciences.